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The Honorable Paul A. Crotty United States District Judge United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street, Room 735 New York, New York 10007 Acquit 28, 1008

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Re: Access Spectrum, LLC, et al. v. Wharton, et al. Civil Action No. 08-cv-5755 (PAC)

Dear Judge Crotty:

We represent Plaintiffs Access Spectrum, LLC ("Access Spectrum") and Access 220, LLC ("Access 220" and together with Access Spectrum, the "Plaintiffs") in the above-referenced action. We respectfully request, pursuant to Rule 3D of your Individual Practices, a pre-motion conference in connection with a motion the Plaintiffs propose to file for Injunction, Discharge and Attorneys' Fees (the "Motion").

Plaintiffs' Allegations

MEMO ENDORSED

Access 220 is the maker of a promissory note, as amended, dated August 27, 2002, in the original principal sum of \$4,478,824 ("Note") made payable to defendant aerway Holdings, Inc. ("Aerway"). Access Spectrum is the parent company of Access 220. The outstanding balance due under the Note is \$3,478,824 ("Note Proceeds"). Plaintiffs are mere stakeholders with respect to the Note Proceeds, and disclaim any interest in the funds. However, numerous parties currently assert competing claims to the Note Proceeds, which in the aggregate exceed the amount of the Note Proceeds. Accordingly, Plaintiffs have deposited the full amount of the Note Proceeds into the Court's registry and instituted the above-captioned interpleader action in order to resolve these competing claims.

The specific claimants, as well as the basis for their asserted claims, are as follows:

Plaintiffs filed the original Complaint (docket entry no. 1) commencing this action on June 26, 2008. On August 13, 2008, Plaintiffs filed their Amended Complaint (docket entry no. 13).

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- Defendants Wharton and Geismar have instituted an action in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland to garnish the Note Proceeds in satisfaction of a judgment in the amount of \$3,336,630.53.
- Defendant Industrial Communications and Electronics, Inc. ("ICE") holds a
 judgment against Aerway and has obtained an Order from the Superior
 Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directing that the Note
 Proceeds first be paid to ICE in satisfaction of its judgment in the amount of
 \$130,502.60.
- Defendant Aerway is the payee under the Note, and in the absence of superior claims, would otherwise be entitled to receive the Note Proceeds.
- Defendant Cathryn Shiver asserts that she and her children hold a priority interest in the Note and/or the Note Proceeds based on a property settlement award in divorce proceedings in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division - Family Part Morris County ("New Jersey Divorce Court Proceeding.")
- Richard E. O'Connell ("Trustee") is the chapter 7 trustee for the estate of
 Robert Shiver, whose bankruptcy is pending in the United States
 Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, Bankruptcy Case
 Number 07-11501-MG. The Trustee has represented that he is in
 possession of the original Note pursuant to a Stipulation and Consent Order
 entered in the New Jersey Divorce Court Proceeding. The Trustee asserts
 an interest in the Note and/or the Note Proceeds based upon Robert Shiver's
 interest as the controlling shareholder of Aerway.

Because the Note Proceeds are insufficient to satisfy all of the aforementioned competing claims, Plaintiffs face the risk of conflicting judicial decisions and double or multiple liability unless these claims are resolved through the interpleader process. The risk of multiple liability directed against a single fund is the very purpose behind an interpleader action. See, e.g., Fidelity Brokerage Serv. v. Bank of China, et al., 192 F.Supp. 173, 177 (S.D.N.Y. 2002).

Basis for the Motion for Injunction, Discharge and Attorneys' Fees

Pursuant to the anticipated Motion, Plaintiffs intend to ask the Court to restrain the Defendants from instituting or continuing any action or proceeding against the Plaintiffs for recovery of the Note or the Note Proceeds. As the Plaintiffs have deposited the full amount of the Note Proceeds with the Court, they will also

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request an order discharging and releasing them from further liability with respect to the Note and the Note Proceeds. The federal statutes governing interpleader specifically provide for this relief. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1335 and 2361. In addition, Plaintiffs, as innocent stakeholders that have disclaimed any interest in the res, will seek recovery of their reasonable attorneys' fees and costs. See, e.g., Fidelity Brokerage Serv. v. Bunk of China, et al., 192 F. Supp. at 183 (finding that attorneys' fees and costs may be awarded to innocent stakeholders in interpleader actions).

All adverse claimants have been served with copies of the Amended Complaint, and the matters to be raised in the Motion will be properly before the Court. Accordingly, Plaintiffs respectfully request a pre-motion conference on this matter Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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